

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

- 2. EASY — 3 miles. The best trail for early spring flowers and ferns. Climax forest used for cross-country skiing during the winter season.
- 3. MODERATE — .75 mile. Provides an opportunity to view succession in dunes area. Excellent for late spring wildflowers, including Prickly Pear Cactus.
- 4. MODERATE — .75 mile. Through dunes covered with black oak forest.
- 7. MODERATE — 1.1 miles. Similar to trail 4. Most direct route from Nature Center to beach.
- 8. RUGGED — 1.5 miles. Over the tops of the three highest dunes of the Indiana Dunes.
- 9. MODERATE — 3.75 miles. Provides best representative view of the dunes. Good view of lake.
- 10. MODERATE — 5.5 miles. Hikers are "rewarded" by stands of white pine and a "tree graveyard" in Big Blowout. A good morning hike.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!

CALUMET TRAIL

The Calumet Trail is a 9.2 mile trail designed for bicycling, jogging, hiking, and cross-country skiing. It lies adjacent to Indiana Dunes State Park and passes through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, providing a link to several points of interest. The Calumet Trail was developed on land leased from the Northern Indiana Public Service Company. It lies within the company's utility corridor, and was developed with the assistance of the Northern Indiana Public Service Company and the National Park Service.

THE FRIENDS OF THE INDIANA DUNES

Friends of Indiana Dunes, Inc. foster understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the dunes by sponsoring special events and educational programs. For information on membership and upcoming events, contact the Friends office at:  
P.O. Box 166, Beverly Shores, IN 46301  
219-926-7561 Ext. 230



ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

**CAMPING** — Indiana Dunes campgrounds will be under construction during summer 2004. As a result, the park will be DAY USE ONLY. An exception is the youth tent area which will continue to operate.

**CONCESSION & CAMPGROUND GROCERY** — Open summer months. Wood, ice, picnic supplies and groceries available.

**CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS** — Ski trails are provided for people with their own equipment. Ski rental is not available.

**INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE** — Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules are available on the website at [www.IN.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/) or call (219) 926-1390.

**NATURE CENTER** — Natural and cultural history displays, wildlife observation room, library, and audio visual presentations are available.

**PICNIC AREAS** — Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and shelters. Reservations for shelters are available through the Central Reservation System.

**REFRESHMENT FACILITIES** — Fast food service and gift shop are upstairs in the pavilion during the summer season.

**SMELTING** — April and May - Contact the park office for details.

**SWIMMING** — Swimming permitted in designated area when lifeguard on duty. Free beach. Restrooms and beach open Saturday before Memorial Day and no later than Labor Day. Clothing is required.

**YOUTH TENT CAMPING** — For organized youth groups under adult supervision in designated areas. Advance reservations required. Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding deer, raccoon and other wild animals is prohibited. Feeding of all wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on hand-outs have become a nuisance to park visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll car windows up tightly.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the use and enjoyment of the people.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the Park Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO<sub>2</sub> gun, bow and arrow, or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except when participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and attended at all times.
- There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision. No youth groups in the family campground. Campers must be 18.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas.
- Swimming is limited to such places and times as designated by the Department of Natural Resources.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- All-terrain vehicles are not allowed in the park.
- Metal detectors are allowed on the beach from September to May with written permission from property manager.

For a complete list of rules and regulations inquire at park office.

CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEMS

Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made by going online or use the toll free number.

[www.camp.IN.gov](http://www.camp.IN.gov)  
**1-866-6campIN**  
(1-866-622-6746)

Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made by going online or use the toll free number.

[www.indianainns.com](http://www.indianainns.com)  
**1-877-lodges1**  
(1-877-563-4371)

Indiana Dunes State Park will be **DAY USE** only during the summer 2004 season, while the family campgrounds are reconstructed. Reservations for youth tent camping may still be made through the Central Reservation System.



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

FOR MORE PARK INFORMATION

**Write:** Indiana Dunes State Park  
1600 North 25 East  
Chesterton, Indiana 46304-1142  
**Call:** 219-926-1952

**DNR**  
Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
[www.IN.gov/dnr](http://www.IN.gov/dnr)

SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the park. List of fees available in the park office.

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington St., Rm. W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

INDIANA

# INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK

Indiana Dunes State Park consists of 2,182 acres of primitive, beautiful, historic, and amazingly unique Hoosier landscape. It lies at the north end of State Road 49 in Porter County and includes more than three miles of beautiful beach along Lake Michigan's southern shore. In the early 1900's scientists, recreationists, and nature enthusiasts, recognizing the value and potential of the Indiana dunes area, fought to have the region preserved. As a result, in 1925, the State Park was established. Indiana Dunes State Park is a special place. We hope you'll take the time to explore its many fascinating features.

**All alcoholic beverages are prohibited within the boundaries of the Indiana Dunes State Park. Fines or arrest could occur.**

THE INDIANA DUNES

Visitors today can enjoy Indiana Dunes State Park in a wide variety of ways. A campground, many picnic shelters and picnic areas, over 16 miles of hiking trails, a swimming beach, and a nature center are all available for visitors' use and are operated with visitor safety in mind. During the summer season, a pavilion on the beach provides shelter, restrooms with only outside showers, a snack bar, and gift shop. Dunes Nature Preserve, encompassing 1,530 acres and located within the boundaries of the State Park, provides visitors with an opportunity to explore some very pristine and unique landscapes.

Indiana Dunes State Park features a wide variety of habitats, including beach, sand dunes, black oak forest, wooded wetlands, and a button-bush marsh. Together, these areas contain some of the most diverse flora and fauna of the midwest. Botanists from across the country enjoy studying the unusual collection of plant life found here. In fact, it was here in the Indiana Dunes, that Henry Cowles, known to many as the "father of ecology" did his landmark studies of succession in the early 1900's. As a result of his work, the Indiana Dunes became known as "the birthplace of ecology!"

The dunes provide an opportunity to explore an exciting and ever changing landscape. In several areas, huge "living" or "moving" dunes are slowly being blown inland, burying forests as they go. A good example of such a "living dune" can be seen from Trail 9. Other interesting features in the dunes include "tree graveyards" (places where forests have been buried by sand and then more recently re-exposed by wind erosion). "Tree graveyards" can be seen in Big Blowout near Trail 10.

The Indiana dunes area is renowned throughout the midwest for its birding! Visit the Nature Center to ask about good birding locations.

Indiana Dunes State Park is surrounded by Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, a federally administered park comprised of approximately 15,000 acres of beautiful and diverse landscape. For more information about the National Lakeshore write: Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 1100 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter, IN 46304-1299; or call 219-926-7561.